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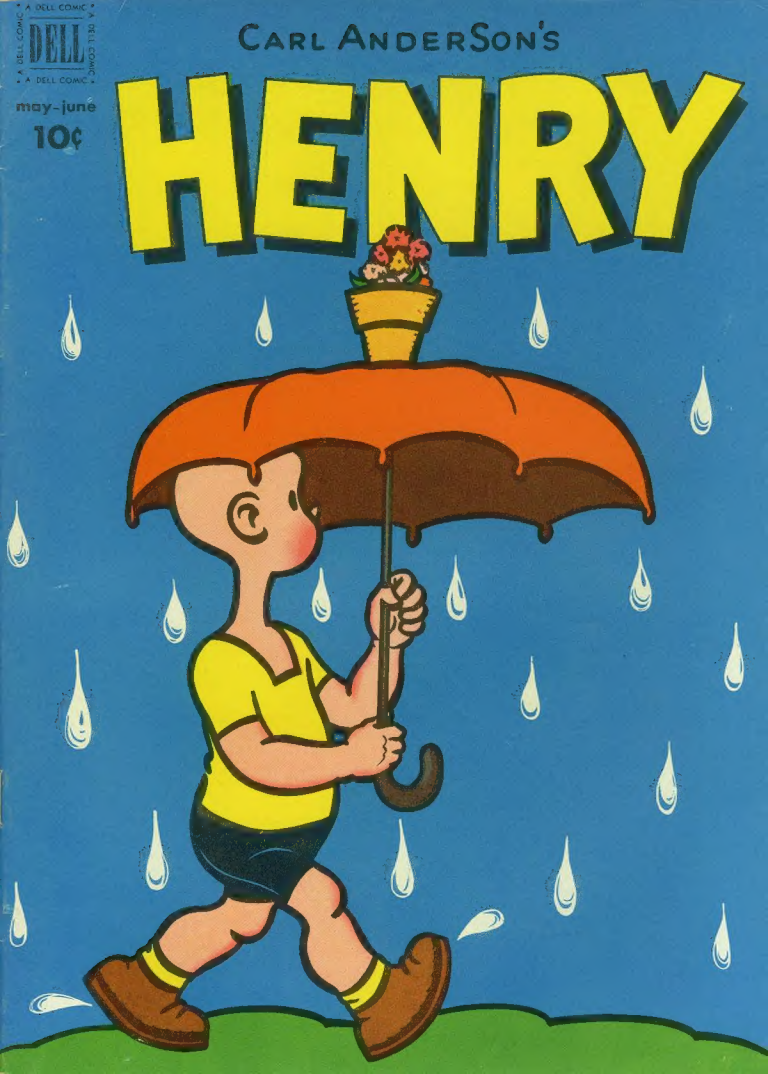

# RINKY IS "BAD MEDICINE" FOR BIG JEFF!

All day long Rinky had been so excited he could hardly keep still! For today was the big day! IT WAS THE START OF ROUNDUP TIME! And Rinky was allowed to go along for the first time in his whole life!

Rinky just knew that now wasn't the time for any shenanigans! He didn't want to risk being told he couldn't go on the roundup for not being a good boy. Naturally the STRAIN on a mischievous youngster like Rinky was terrific!

But Rinky still might have managed to curb his fun-loving nature if he hadn't stopped to chat with Big Jeff, the commander-in-chief of the CHUCK WAGON! Every cowboy knows the most important piece of equipment, next to a good horse on a roundup, is the chuck wagon. Without the chuck wagon there could be no roundup for the hungry cowboys could not be fed! Now Big Jeff, the ranch's cook, knew this and it made him very proud. In fact, Big Jeff thought he was the most important fellow on the ranch!

Big Jeff had more time on his hands than most of the regular cowboys on the ranch. AND HOW HE LOVED TO TALK! He would sit around peeling spuds telling one story after another . . . and in every single story BIG JEFF WAS ALWAYS THE HERO!

He especially liked to amaze Rinky with his tales of adventure and daring. According to Big Jeff, the Wild West had practically been tamed single-handed . . . by BIG JEFF!

To look at the big ranch cook it wasn't too hard to believe him either. He was a tall husky man with great brawny arms and wide shoulders. All the cowboys said he was the strongest man for a hundred miles around!

BUT BIG JEFF HAD ONE WEAKNESS! He was always taking pills and medicine! At the slightest twinge of pain Big Jeff would rush off into town and demand to see the doctor. It got so bad that old Doc Parsons sent away to the big city for a batch of important-looking blue-coated pills. Big Jeff was the only one he ever gave them to! Of course the pills were nothing but SUGAR!

Big Jeff was loading the chuck wagon when Rinky stopped to chat with him. Then Rinky had a brilliant idea for some fun! Rinky leaned against the side of the chuck wagon and frowned as he looked at Big Jeff who was shoving a stove into the chuck wagon.

Rinky said, "Have you heard about IT yet, Big Jeff?"

"Heard about what, Rinky?" the cook said as he struggled with the stove.

"Why about the new sickness that everybody in town is down with!" said Rinky seriously.

When Big Jeff heard that he dropped the big black stove right on his foot! "EE . . YOW! MY BIG TOE!" he yelled. In a flash Big Jeff whipped off his boot and started bandaging his big toe.

"WHEW! Lucky for me I always carry my tailor-made roll of special antiseptic bandage in my back pocket!" sighed Big Jeff.

"It sure is!" said Rinky with just the

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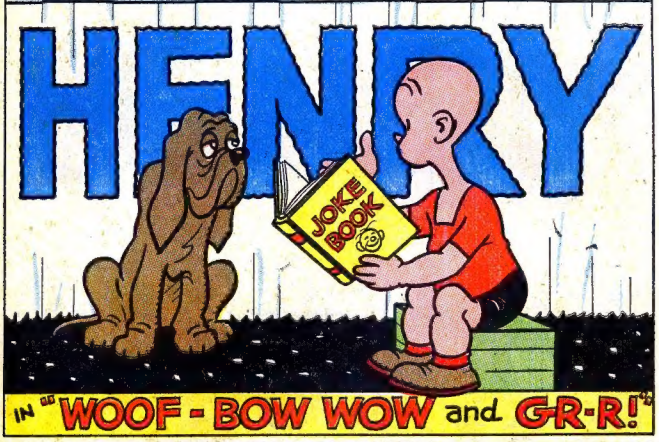
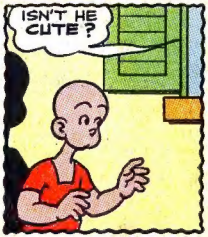
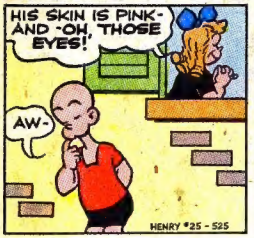
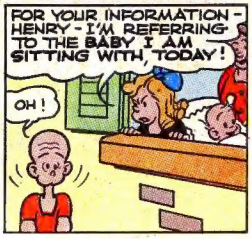
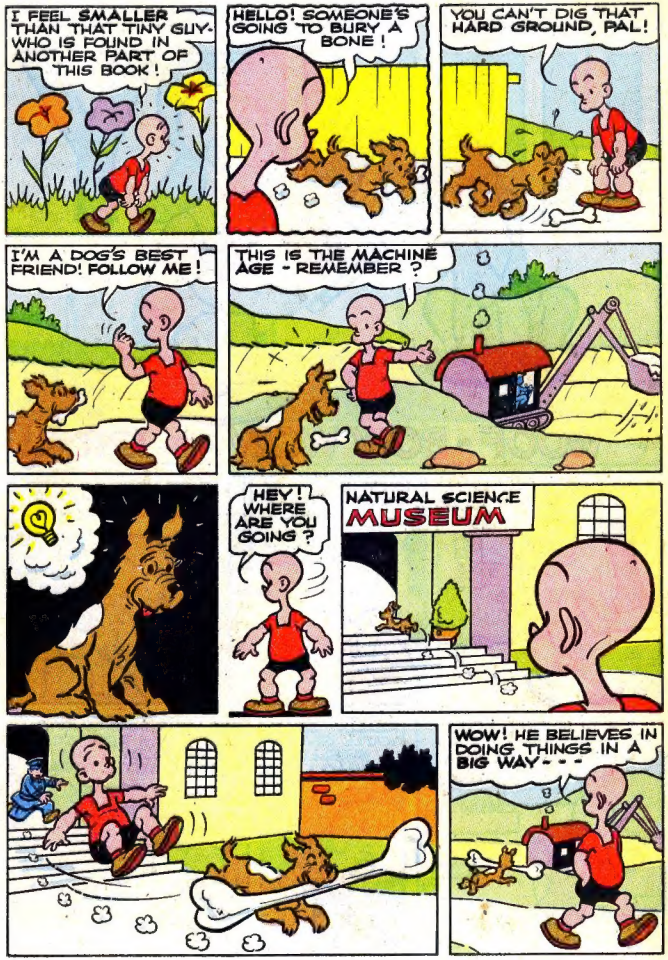


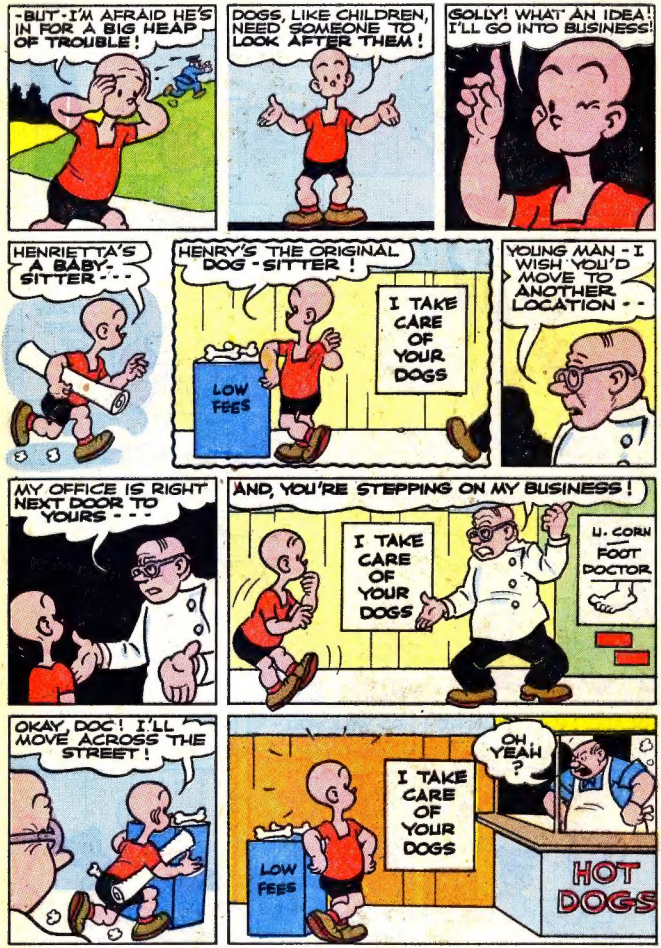

IN "WOOF - BOW WOW and GR-R!"

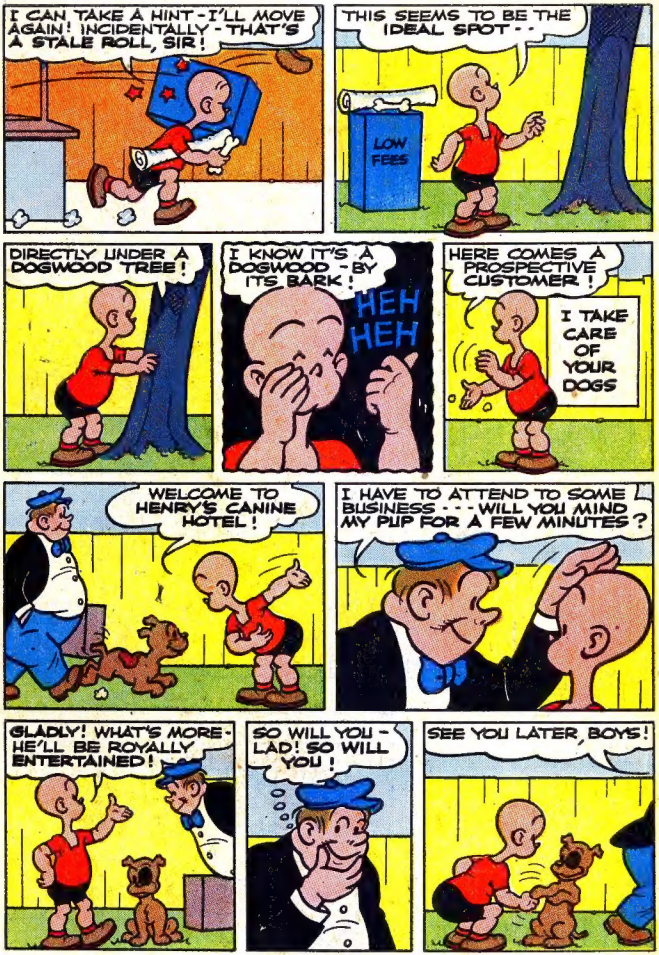






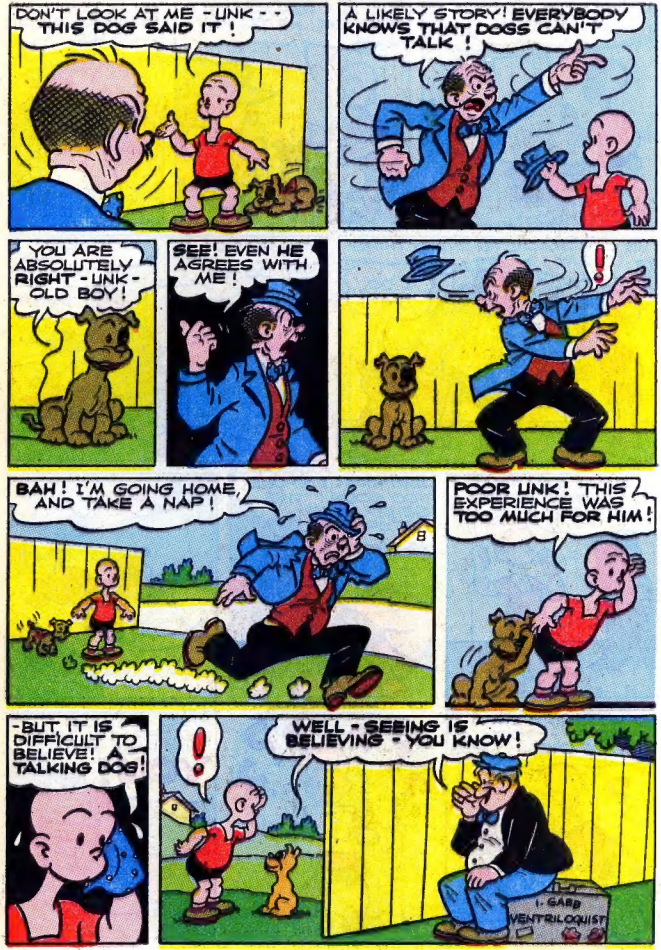

I FEEL SMALLER THAN THAT TINY GUY- WHO IS FOUND IN ANOTHER PART OF THIS BOOK!
HELLO! SOMEONE'S GOING TO BURY A BONE!
YOU CAN'T DIG THAT HARD GROUND, PAL!
I'M A DOG'S BEST FRIEND! FOLLOW ME!
THIS IS THE MACHINE AGE - REMEMBER?
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
NATURAL SCIENCE MUSEUM
WOW! HE BELIEVES IN DOING THINGS IN A BIG WAY - - -

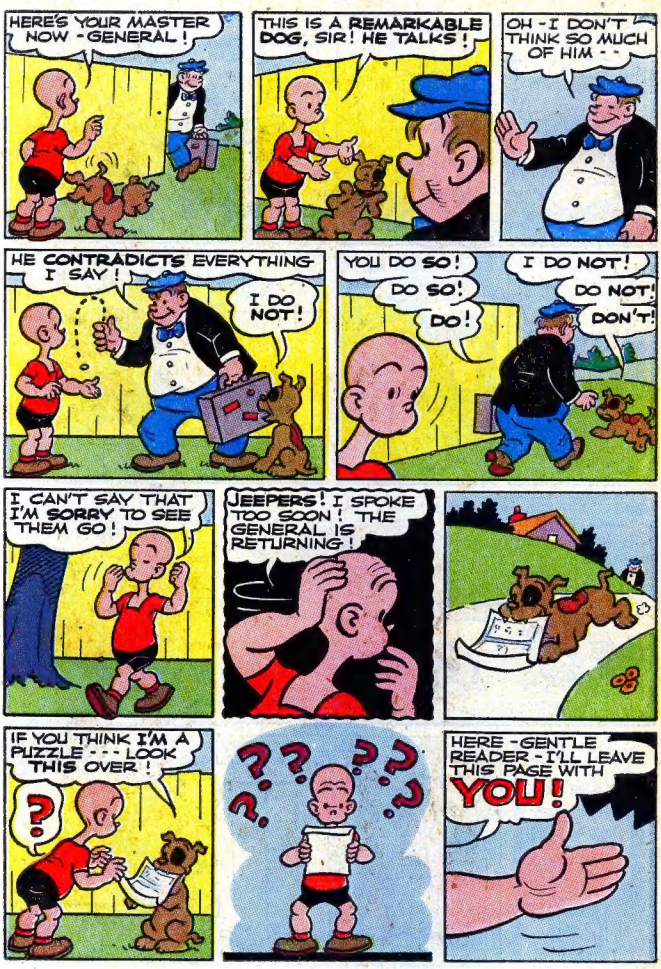

-BUT-I'M AFRAID HE'S IN FOR A BIG HEAP OF TROUBLE!
DOGS, LIKE CHILDREN, NEED SOMEONE TO LOOK AFTER THEM!
GOLLY! WHAT AN IDEA! I'LL GO INTO BUSINESS!
HENRIETTA'S A BABY-SITTER---
HENRY'S THE ORIGINAL DOG-SITTER!
I TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOGS
LOW FEES
YOUNG MAN-I WISH YOU'D MOVE TO ANOTHER LOCATION--
MY OFFICE IS RIGHT NEXT DOOR TO YOURS---
AND, YOU'RE STEPPING ON MY BUSINESS!
I TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOGS
H. CORN FOOT DOCTOR
OKAY, DOC! I'LL MOVE ACROSS THE STREET!
I TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOGS
LOW FEES
OH YEAH?
HOT DOGS


I CAN TAKE A HINT - I'LL MOVE AGAIN! INCIDENTALLY - THAT'S A STALE ROLL, SIR!
THIS SEEMS TO BE THE IDEAL SPOT - -
LOW FEES
DIRECTLY UNDER A DOGWOOD TREE!
I KNOW IT'S A DOGWOOD - BY ITS BARK!
HEH HEH
HERE COMES A PROSPECTIVE CUSTOMER!
I TAKE CARE OF YOUR DOGS
WELCOME TO HENRY'S CANINE HOTEL!
I HAVE TO ATTEND TO SOME BUSINESS - - - WILL YOU MIND MY PUP FOR A FEW MINUTES?
GLADLY! WHAT'S MORE - HE'LL BE ROYALLY ENTERTAINED!
SO WILL YOU - LAD! SO WILL YOU!
SEE YOU LATER, BOYS!

SIT DOWN - MY FRIEND! RELAX! ENJOY YOURSELF!
BEAUTIFUL DAY - ISN'T IT?
BY THE WAY - I FORGOT TO ASK YOUR NAME!
IT'S "GENERAL" - WHAT'S YOURS?
M-M-M! I'VE GOT A BUZZING IN MY EAR!
IN FACT - IT SOUNDED VERY MUCH AS THOUGH YOU ANSWERED ME! HA!
I MERELY SAID MY NAME IS "GENERAL" - WHAT'S YOURS?
YES! THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT YOU SAID - HUH!
HOKEY SMOKES!
"HOKEY SMOKES?" THAT'S AN ODD NAME FOR A BOY!

THIS IS FANTASTIC - - - LIKE SOMETHING IN A COMIC BOOK!
Y-Y-YOU CAN TALK!!!
OH, YES! IT'S SO MUCH BETTER THAN BARKING!
MY MASTER CALLS ME "GENERAL" - - SO THAT WHEN HE THROWS A STICK - -
- - HE CAN YELL: "BRIGADIER GENERAL!"
GET IT? "BRING IT HERE - GENERAL!" ARF ARF ARF ARF!
HE NOT ONLY TALKS - - HE MAKES WITH THE JOKES, TOO!
IMAGINE IT - - - AN EDUCATED DOG!
AW, I'M NOT EDUCATED - I DIDN'T GET PAST THE THIRD GRADE!
I WISH SOMEONE ELSE COULD HEAR THIS - - OH - OH!
- - - - - -
HI - HENRY!
LOOK WHAT ESCAPED FROM THE ZOO!

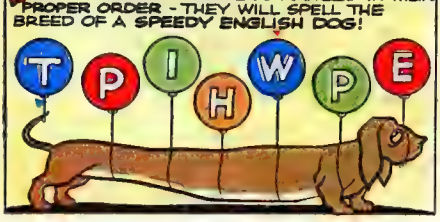

DON'T LOOK AT ME - UNK - - THIS DOG SAID IT !
A LIKELY STORY! EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT DOGS CAN'T TALK !
YOU ARE ABSOLUTELY RIGHT - UNK - OLD BOY!
SEE! EVEN HE AGREES WITH ME !
!
BAH ! I'M GOING HOME, AND TAKE A NAP !
POOR UNK ! THIS EXPERIENCE WAS TOO MUCH FOR HIM !
- BUT IT IS DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE! A TALKING DOG!
!
WELL - SEEING IS BELIEVING - YOU KNOW !
I - CARD VENTRILOQUIST


HERE'S YOUR MASTER NOW - GENERAL!
THIS IS A REMARKABLE DOG, SIR! HE TALKS!
OH - I DON'T THINK SO MUCH OF HIM - -
HE CONTRADICTS EVERYTHING I SAY!
I DO NOT!
YOU DO SO!
DO SO!
DO!
I DO NOT!
DO NOT!
DON'T!
I CAN'T SAY THAT I'M SORRY TO SEE THEM GO!
JEEPERS! I SPOKE TOO SOON! THE GENERAL IS RETURNING!
IF YOU THINK I'M A PUZZLE - - - LOOK THIS OVER!
?
HERE - GENTLE READER - I'LL LEAVE THIS PAGE WITH YOU!

EACH OF THE SKETCHES BELOW SUGGESTS A BREED OF DOG !

DO YOU RECOGNIZE THE TYPE OF DOG IN EACH SILHOUETTE ?

WHEN THE BALLOONS ARE ARRANGED IN THEIR PROPER ORDER - THEY WILL SPELL THE BREED OF A SPEEDY ENGLISH DOG!



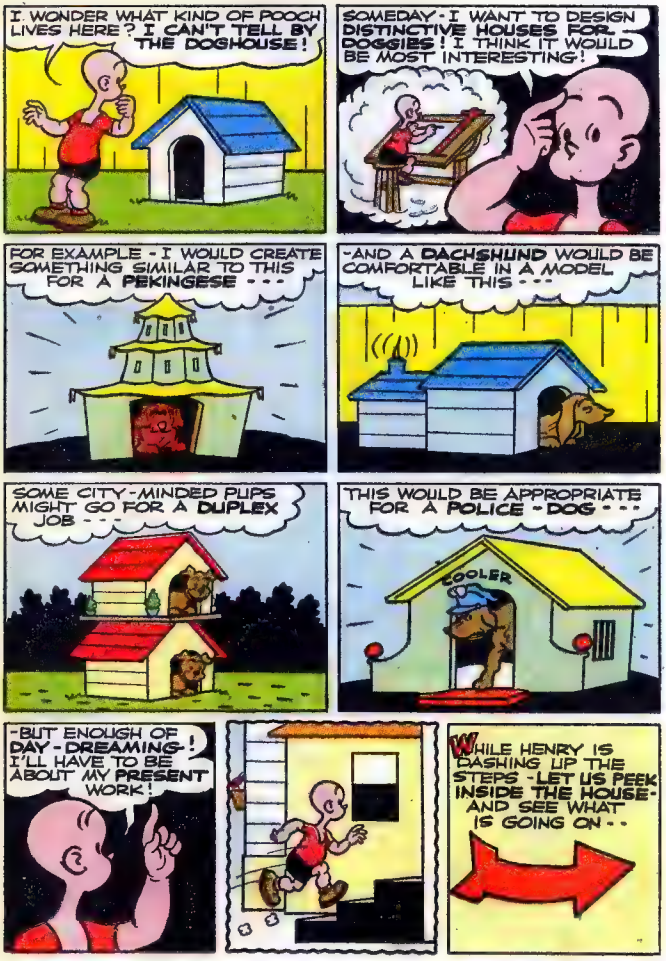

**ANSWERS:**

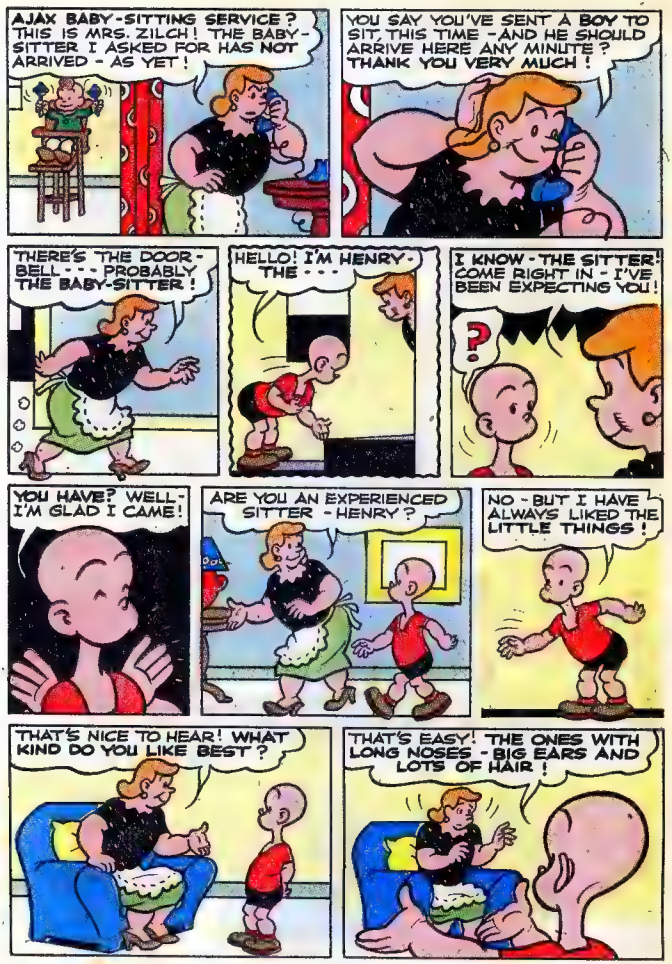
BOXER - MEXICAN "HAIRLESS" - POINTER - CHOW - SCOTTIE !

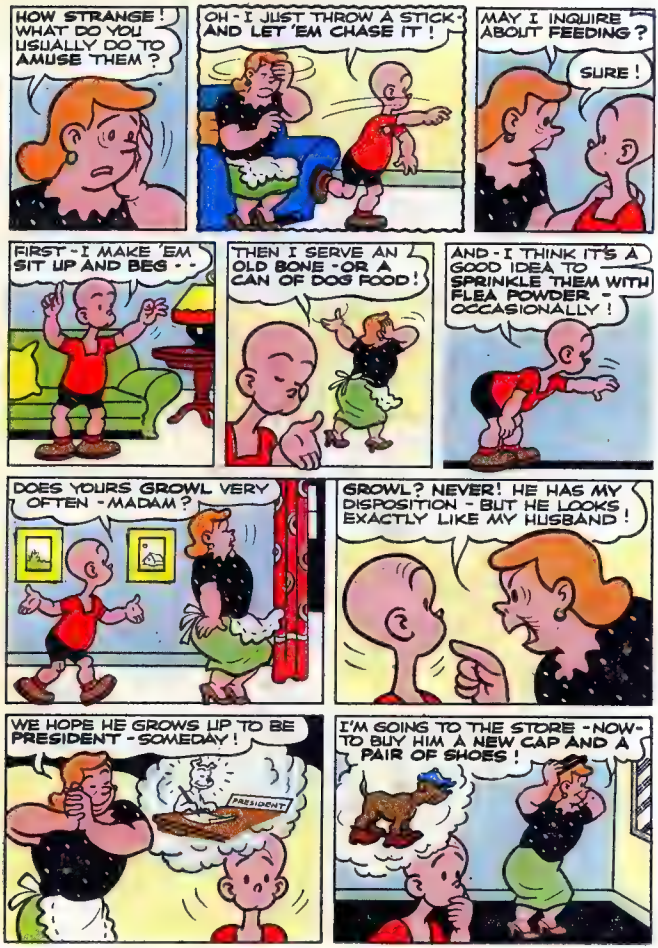
A. SCOTTIE
B. GREYHOUND
C. WIREHAIRED TERRIER
D. BULLDOG
E. CHIHUAHUA
F. COCKER SPANIEL

WHIPPET !

BUSINESS ISN'T AS HEAVY AS I EXPECTED!
LOW FEES
WELL - I'LL JUST HAVE TO SOLICIT SOME ACTIVITY!
THAT MANSION SHOULD HOUSE A CANINE OR TWO!
RING RING
HELLO! I'M HENRY THE DOG-SITTER - AT YOUR SERVICE!
FOR A SMALL FEE - I'LL SIT WITH ANY DOGS YOU MAY HAVE!
FINE! FOLLOW ME TO TO THE BACK YARD!
STILL WANT THE JOB - HENRY?
K-9 KENNELS
SORRY, SIR! WRONG NUMBER!
THERE'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR - - A ONE - DOG RESIDENCE!


I WONDER WHAT KIND OF POOCH LIVES HERE? I CAN'T TELL BY THE DOGHOUSE!
SOMEDAY - I WANT TO DESIGN DISTINCTIVE HOUSES FOR DOGGIES! I THINK IT WOULD BE MOST INTERESTING!
FOR EXAMPLE - I WOULD CREATE SOMETHING SIMILAR TO THIS FOR A PEKINGESE - - -
-AND A DACHSHUND WOULD BE COMFORTABLE IN A MODEL LIKE THIS - - -
SOME CITY-MINDED PUPS MIGHT GO FOR A DUPLEX JOB - - -
THIS WOULD BE APPROPRIATE FOR A POLICE-DOG - - -
COOLER
-BUT ENOUGH OF DAY-DREAMING! I'LL HAVE TO BE ABOUT MY PRESENT WORK!
WHILE HENRY IS DASHING UP THE STEPS - LET US PEEK INSIDE THE HOUSE - AND SEE WHAT IS GOING ON - -


AJAX BABY-SITTING SERVICE? THIS IS MRS. ZILCH! THE BABY-SITTER I ASKED FOR HAS NOT ARRIVED - AS YET!
YOU SAY YOU'VE SENT A BOY TO SIT, THIS TIME - AND HE SHOULD ARRIVE HERE ANY MINUTE? THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
THERE'S THE DOOR-BELL - - - PROBABLY THE BABY-SITTER!
HELLO! I'M HENRY - THE - - -
I KNOW - THE SITTER! COME RIGHT IN - I'VE BEEN EXPECTING YOU!
?
YOU HAVE? WELL - I'M GLAD I CAME!
ARE YOU AN EXPERIENCED SITTER - HENRY?
NO - BUT I HAVE ALWAYS LIKED THE LITTLE THINGS!
THAT'S NICE TO HEAR! WHAT KIND DO YOU LIKE BEST?
THAT'S EASY! THE ONES WITH LONG NOSES - BIG EARS AND LOTS OF HAIR!


HOW STRANGE! WHAT DO YOU USUALLY DO TO AMUSE THEM?
OH - I JUST THROW A STICK AND LET 'EM CHASE IT!
MAY I INQUIRE ABOUT FEEDING?
SURE!
FIRST - I MAKE 'EM SIT UP AND BEG - -
THEN I SERVE AN OLD BONE - OR A CAN OF DOG FOOD!
AND - I THINK IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO SPRINKLE THEM WITH FLEA POWDER - OCCASIONALLY!
DOES YOURS GROWL VERY OFTEN - MADAM?
GROWL? NEVER! HE HAS MY DISPOSITION - BUT HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE MY HUSBAND!
WE HOPE HE GROWS UP TO BE PRESIDENT - SOMEDAY!
PRESIDENT
I'M GOING TO THE STORE - NOW - TO BUY HIM A NEW CAP AND A PAIR OF SHOES!

HE'LL BE LEARNING TO TALK - SHORTLY!
LEARNING TO TALK?
NO! NOT AGAIN!
LET ME OUT OF HERE!
MY! WHAT AN ODD LITTLE BOY! I DON'T UNDERSTAND HIM AT ALL!
PHEW! I'M DOG TIRED!
I'LL HAVE TO STOP AWHILE - AND REST!
I'LL PARK MYSELF UNDER THIS TREE - AND FORGET ALL ABOUT DOGS!
AH-
?
WANTED
GREYMAN BUS COMPANY
?
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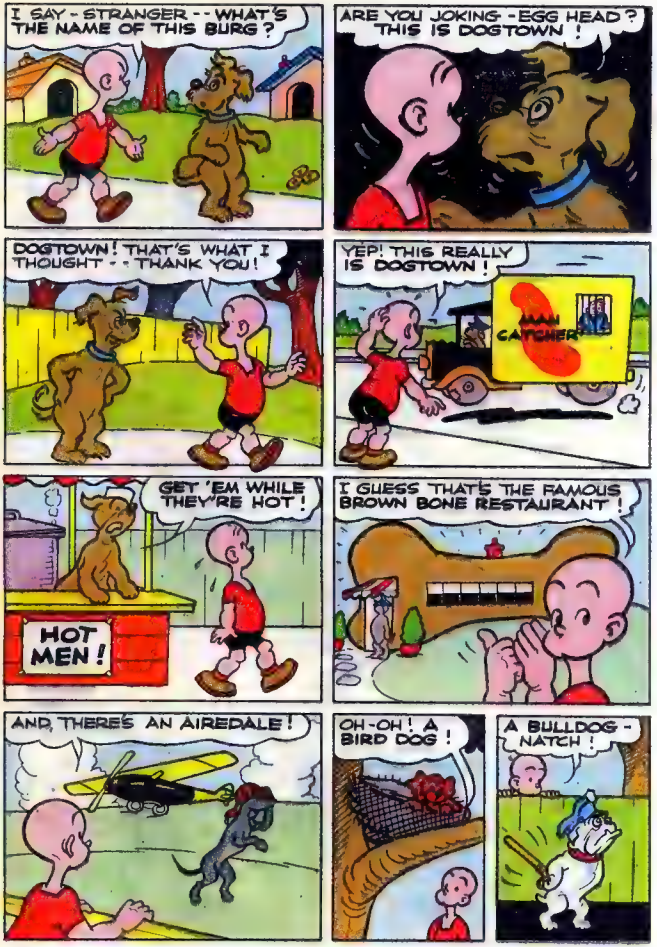
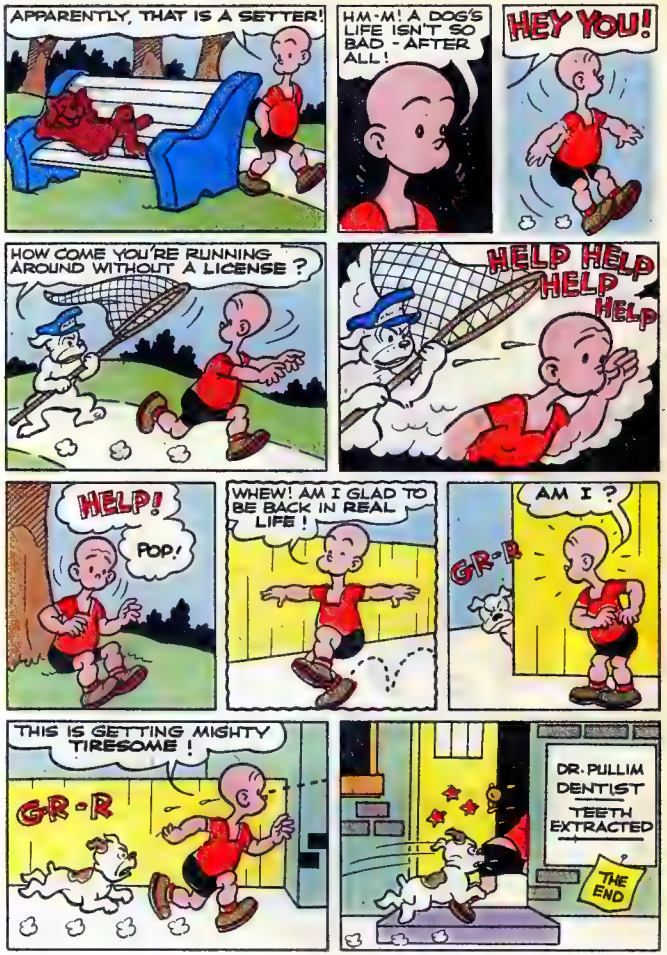

I SAY - STRANGER -- WHAT'S THE NAME OF THIS BURG ?
ARE YOU JOKING - EGG HEAD ? THIS IS DOGTOWN !
DOGTOWN ! THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT -- THANK YOU !
YEP ! THIS REALLY IS DOGTOWN !
MAN CATCHER
GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE HOT !
HOT MEN !
I GUESS THAT'S THE FAMOUS BROWN BONE RESTAURANT !
AND, THERE'S AN AIREDALE !
OH-OH ! A BIRD DOG !
A BULLDOG - NATCH !


APPARENTLY, THAT IS A SETTER!
HM-M! A DOG'S LIFE ISN'T SO BAD - AFTER ALL!
HEY YOU!
HOW COME YOU'RE RUNNING AROUND WITHOUT A LICENSE?
HELP HELP HELP HELP
HELP!
POP!
WHEW! AM I GLAD TO BE BACK IN REAL LIFE!
GR-R
AM I?
THIS IS GETTING MIGHTY TIRESOME!
GR-R
DR. PULLIM DENTIST
TEETH EXTRACTED
THE END

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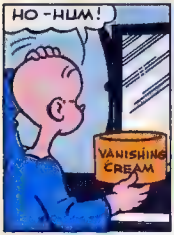
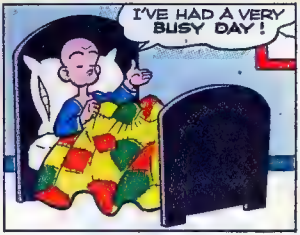
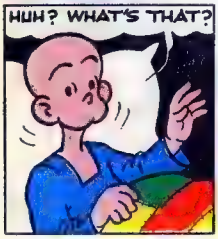
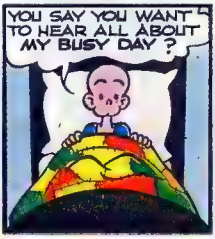
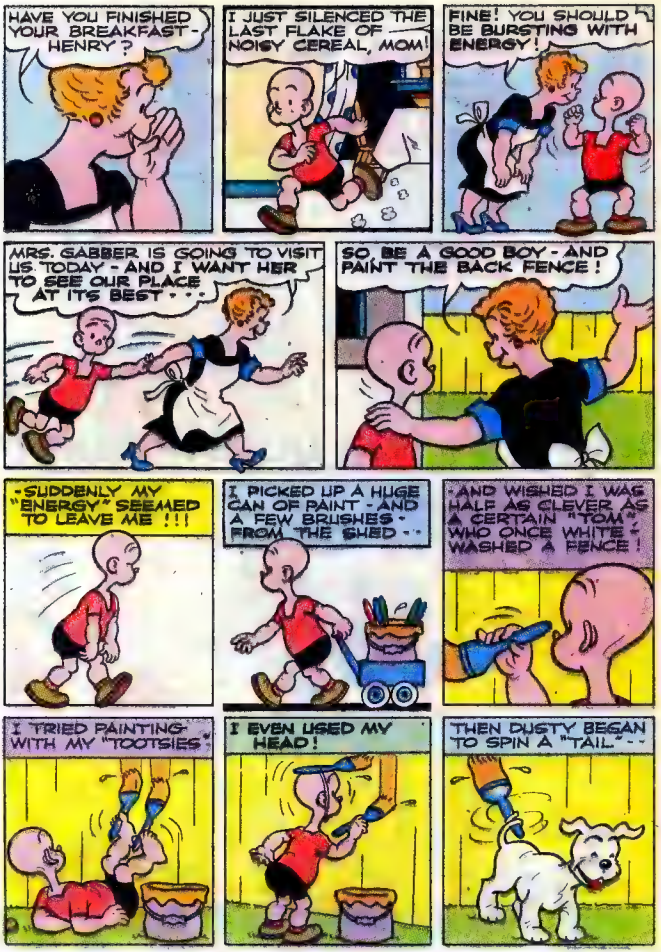
## WANTED - FOR QUESTIONING!

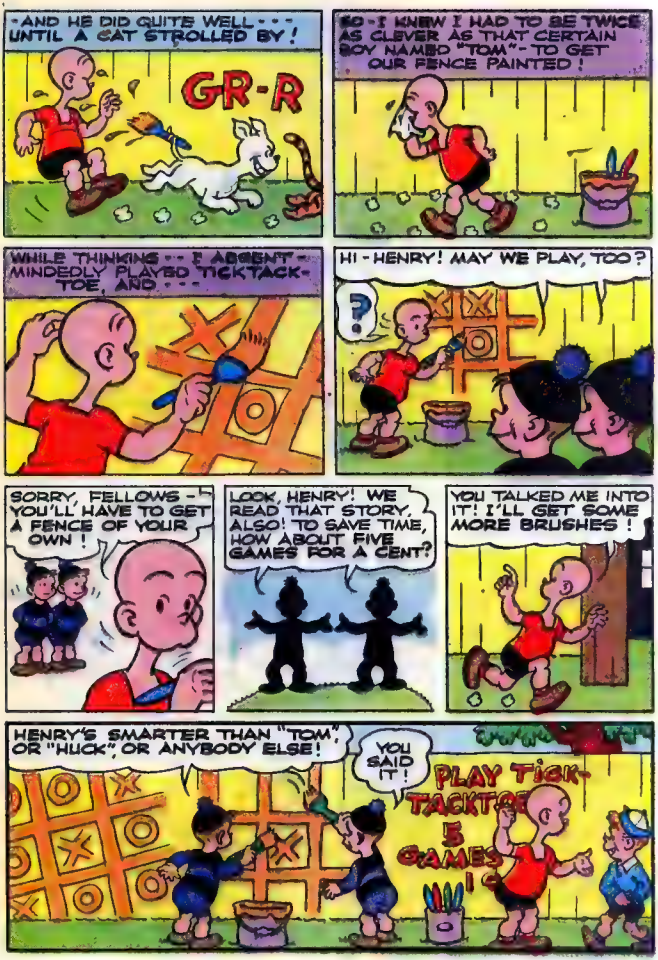


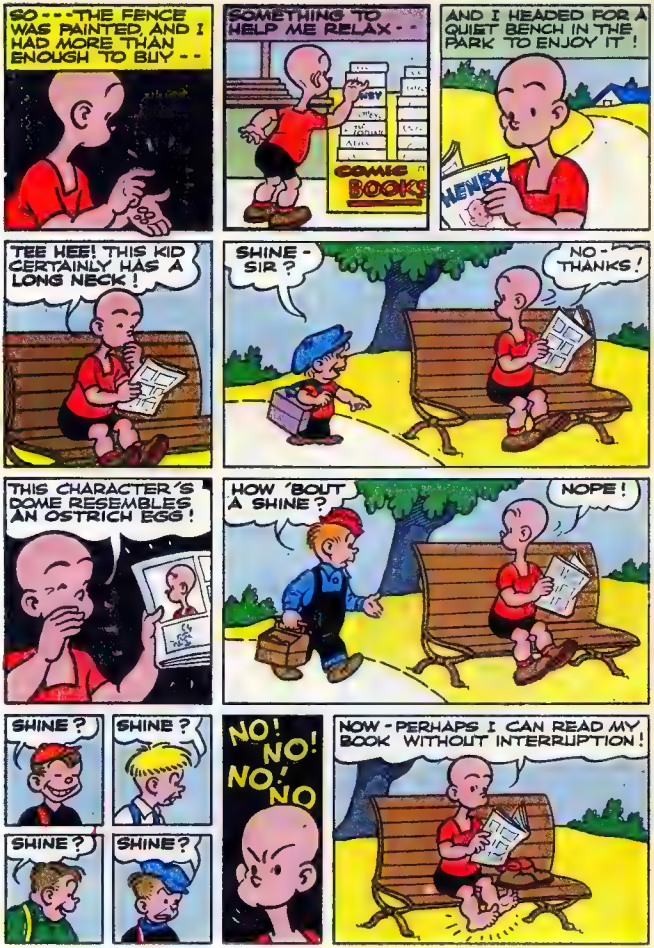



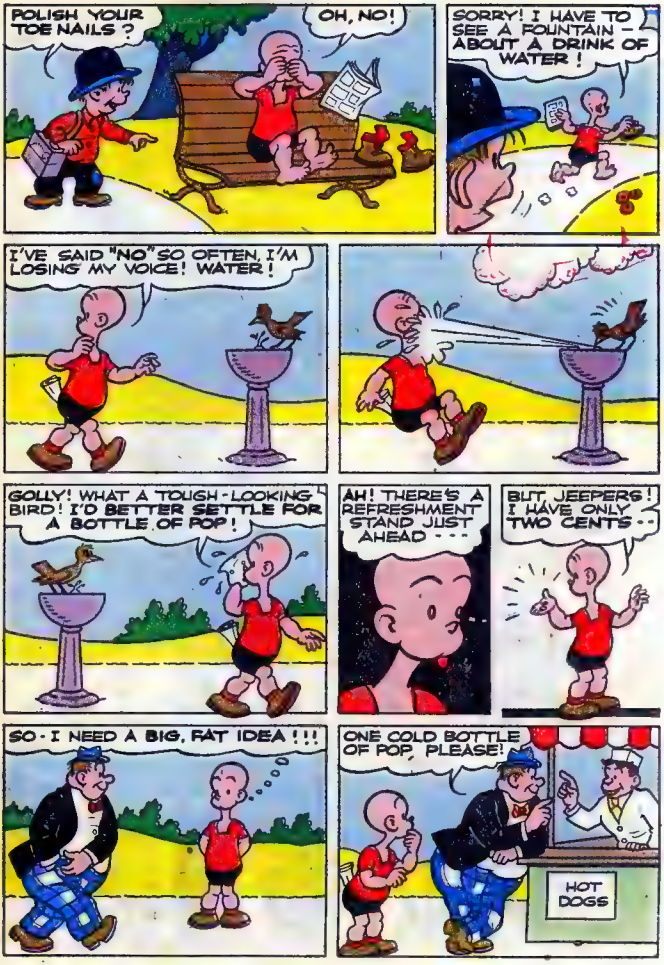


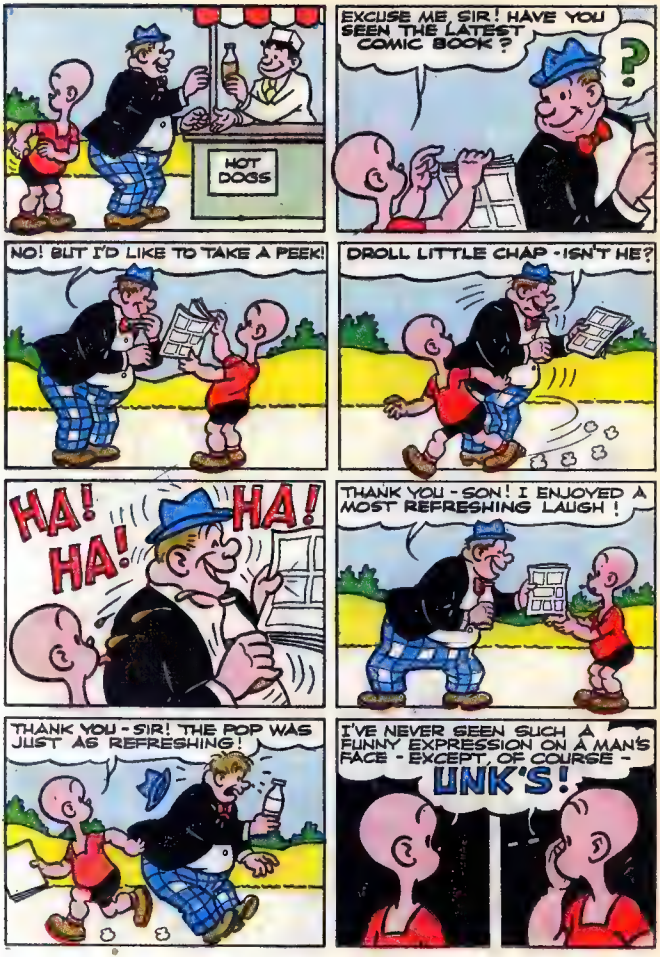




HAVE YOU FINISHED YOUR BREAKFAST - HENRY ?
I JUST SILENCED THE LAST FLAKE OF NOISY CEREAL, MOM!
FINE! YOU SHOULD BE BURSTING WITH ENERGY!
MRS. GABBER IS GOING TO VISIT US TODAY - AND I WANT HER TO SEE OUR PLACE AT ITS BEST . . .
SO, BE A GOOD BOY - AND PAINT THE BACK FENCE !
- SUDDENLY MY "ENERGY" SEEMED TO LEAVE ME !!!
I PICKED UP A HUGE CAN OF PAINT - AND A FEW BRUSHES - FROM THE SHED . .
- AND WISHED I WAS HALF AS CLEVER AS A CERTAIN "TOM" WHO ONCE WHITE - WASHED A FENCE !
I TRIED PAINTING WITH MY "TOOTSIES"
I EVEN USED MY HEAD!
THEN DUSTY BEGAN TO SPIN A "TAIL" . . .


-AND HE DID QUITE WELL - - - UNTIL A CAT STROLLED BY!
GR-R
SO - I KNEW I HAD TO BE TWICE AS CLEVER AS THAT CERTAIN BOY NAMED "TOM" - TO GET OUR FENCE PAINTED!
WHILE THINKING - - I ABSENT - MINDEDLY PLAYED TICKTACK-TOE, AND - - -
HI - HENRY! MAY WE PLAY, TOO?
?
SORRY, FELLOWS - - YOU'LL HAVE TO GET A FENCE OF YOUR OWN!
LOOK, HENRY! WE READ THAT STORY, ALSO! TO SAVE TIME, HOW ABOUT FIVE GAMES FOR A CENT?
YOU TALKED ME INTO IT! I'LL GET SOME MORE BRUSHES!
HENRY'S SMARTER THAN "TOM", OR "HUCK", OR ANYBODY ELSE!
YOU SAID IT!
PLAY TICK-TACK-TOE 5 GAMES FOR 1¢


SO - - - THE FENCE WAS PAINTED, AND I HAD MORE THAN ENOUGH TO BUY - -
SOMETHING TO HELP ME RELAX - -
COMIC BOOKS
AND I HEADED FOR A QUIET BENCH IN THE PARK TO ENJOY IT !
HENRY
TEE HEE! THIS KID CERTAINLY HAS A LONG NECK !
SHINE - SIR ?
NO - THANKS !
THIS CHARACTER'S DOME RESEMBLES AN OSTRICH EGG !
HOW 'BOUT A SHINE ?
NOPE !
SHINE ?
SHINE ?
SHINE ?
SHINE ?
NO! NO! NO! NO
NOW - PERHAPS I CAN READ MY BOOK WITHOUT INTERRUPTION !


POLISH YOUR TOE NAILS ?
OH, NO!
SORRY! I HAVE TO SEE A FOUNTAIN — ABOUT A DRINK OF WATER !
I'VE SAID "NO" SO OFTEN, I'M LOSING MY VOICE! WATER!
GOLLY! WHAT A TOUGH-LOOKING BIRD! I'D BETTER SETTLE FOR A BOTTLE OF POP!
AH! THERE'S A REFRESHMENT STAND JUST AHEAD - - -
BUT JEEPERS! I HAVE ONLY TWO CENTS - -
SO - I NEED A BIG, FAT IDEA ! ! !
ONE COLD BOTTLE OF POP, PLEASE!
HOT DOGS


HOT DOGS
EXCUSE ME, SIR! HAVE YOU SEEN THE LATEST COMIC BOOK?
?
NO! BUT I'D LIKE TO TAKE A PEEK!
DROLL LITTLE CHAP - ISN'T HE?
HA! HA! HA!
THANK YOU - SON! I ENJOYED A MOST REFRESHING LAUGH!
THANK YOU - SIR! THE POP WAS JUST AS REFRESHING!
I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH A FUNNY EXPRESSION ON A MAN'S FACE - EXCEPT, OF COURSE - UNK'S!

PHEW! YOU STARTLED ME -ALGY! WHERE DID YOU GET THAT HORRIBLE - LOOKING MASK ?
I FOUND IT IN THE COSTUMER'S ASH CAN ··· GROTESQUE - ISN'T IT ?
LET ME TAKE THE MASK OFF YOUR HANDS - ALGY! I'LL GIVE YOU THIS BOOK FOR IT··· ONE COMIC FOR ANOTHER !
AGREED! I PREFER TO GET RID OF IT BEFORE I SCARE SOMEONE SILLY !
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I INTEND TO DO TO JULIUS ···
AND THERE'S A CONVENIENT BOX UNDER HIS WINDOW!
YOO HOO!
P-SST!
EEK!
HELP! ANGUS! THAT UNCLE OF HENRY'S IS LEERING IN THE WINDOW AT ME !
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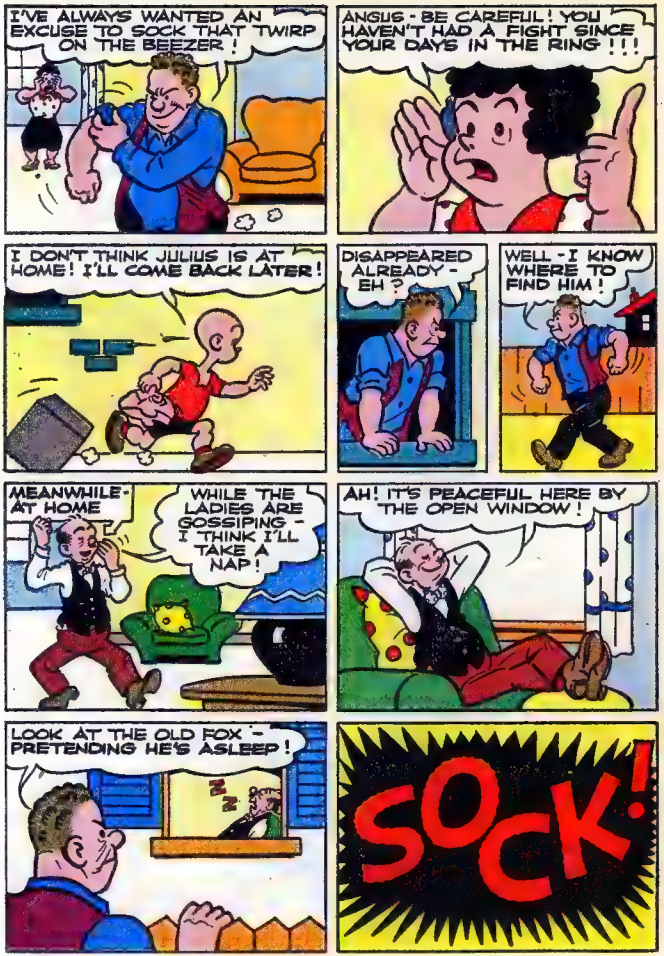
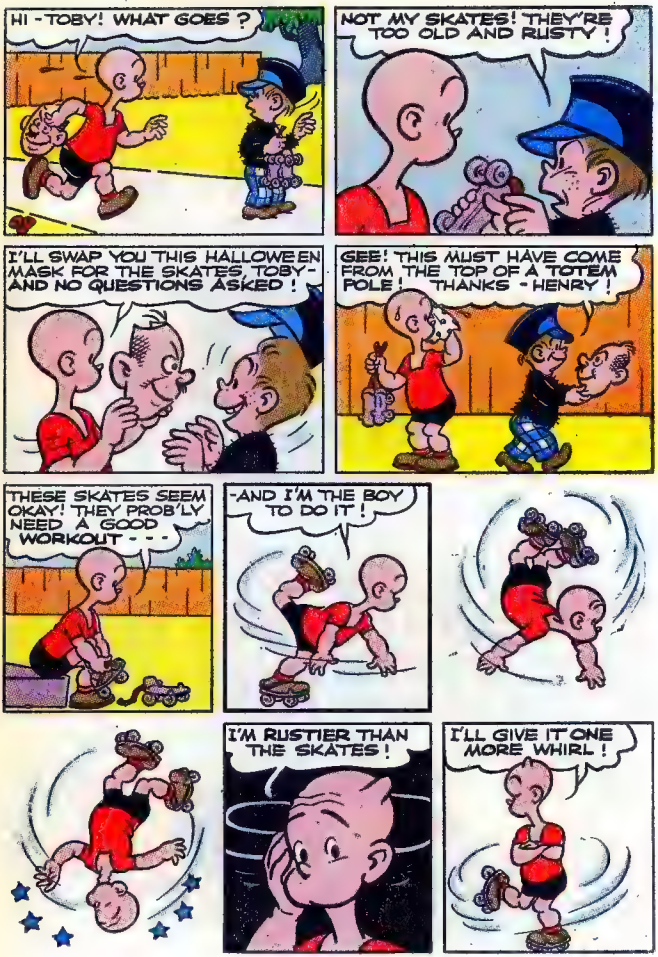
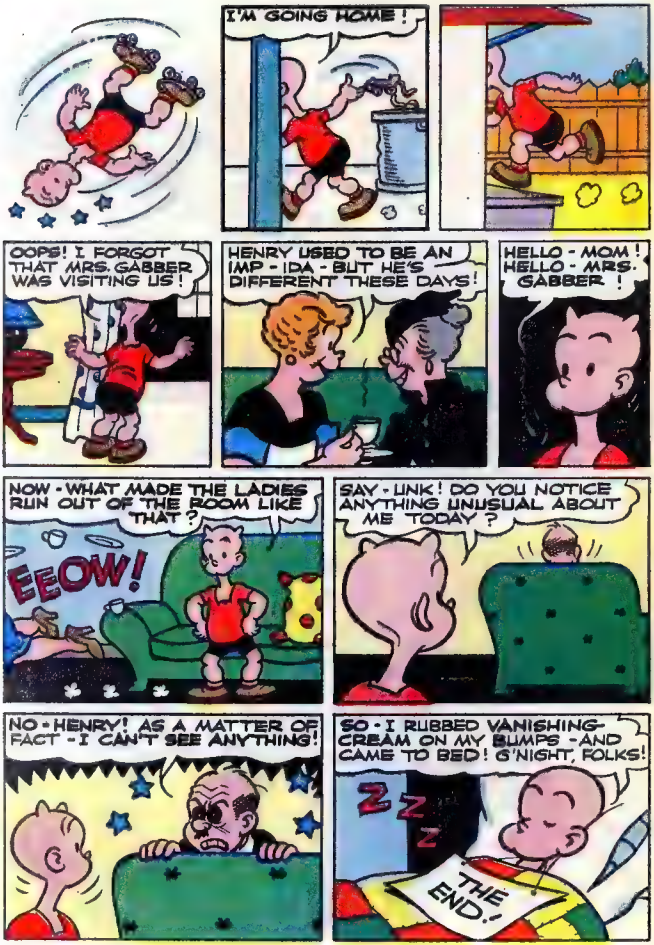
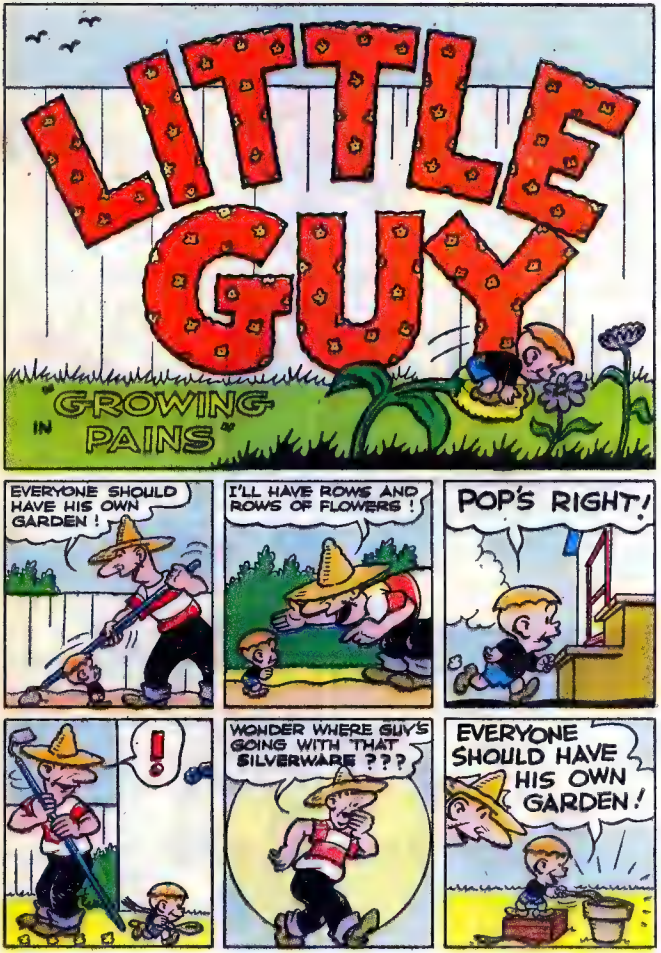
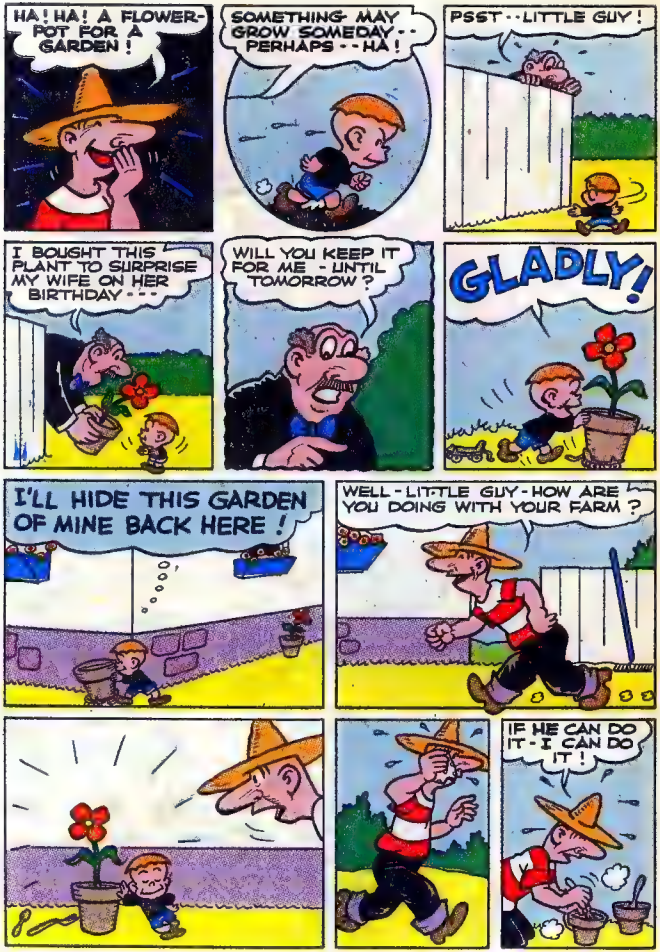

I'VE ALWAYS WANTED AN EXCUSE TO SOCK THAT TWIRP ON THE BEEZER !
ANGUS - BE CAREFUL ! YOU HAVEN'T HAD A FIGHT SINCE YOUR DAYS IN THE RING !!!
I DON'T THINK JULIUS IS AT HOME ! I'LL COME BACK LATER !
DISAPPEARED ALREADY - EH ?
WELL - I KNOW WHERE TO FIND HIM !
MEANWHILE - AT HOME
WHILE THE LADIES ARE GOSSIPING - I THINK I'LL TAKE A NAP !
AH ! IT'S PEACEFUL HERE BY THE OPEN WINDOW !
LOOK AT THE OLD FOX - PRETENDING HE'S ASLEEP !
Z Z
SOCK !

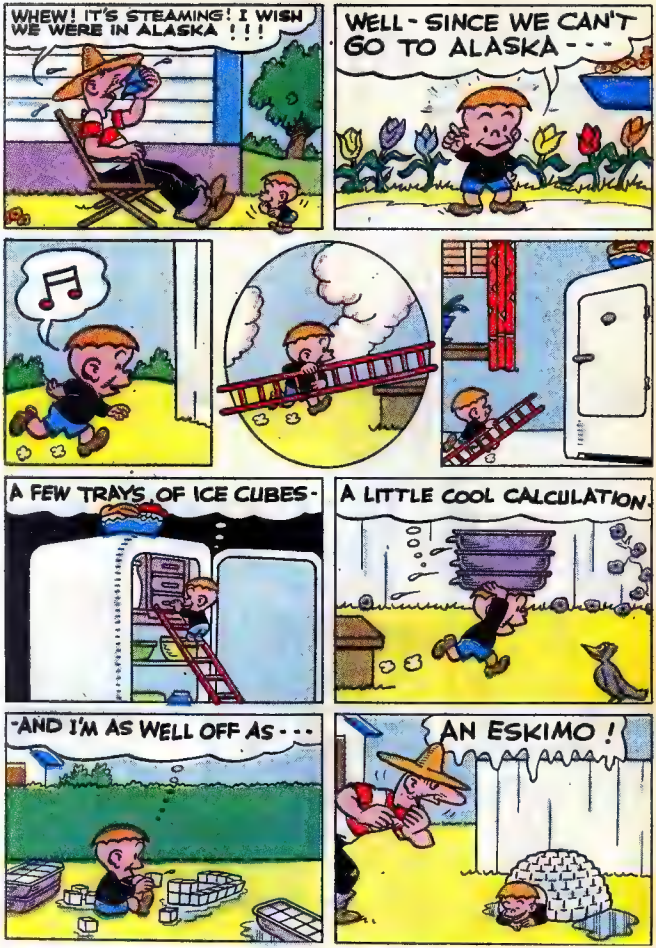

HI - TOBY! WHAT GOES ?
NOT MY SKATES! THEY'RE TOO OLD AND RUSTY !
I'LL SWAP YOU THIS HALLOWEEN MASK FOR THE SKATES, TOBY - AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED !
GEE! THIS MUST HAVE COME FROM THE TOP OF A TOTEM POLE ! THANKS - HENRY !
THESE SKATES SEEM OKAY! THEY PROB'LY NEED A GOOD WORKOUT - - -
-AND I'M THE BOY TO DO IT !
I'M RUSTIER THAN THE SKATES !
I'LL GIVE IT ONE MORE WHIRL !

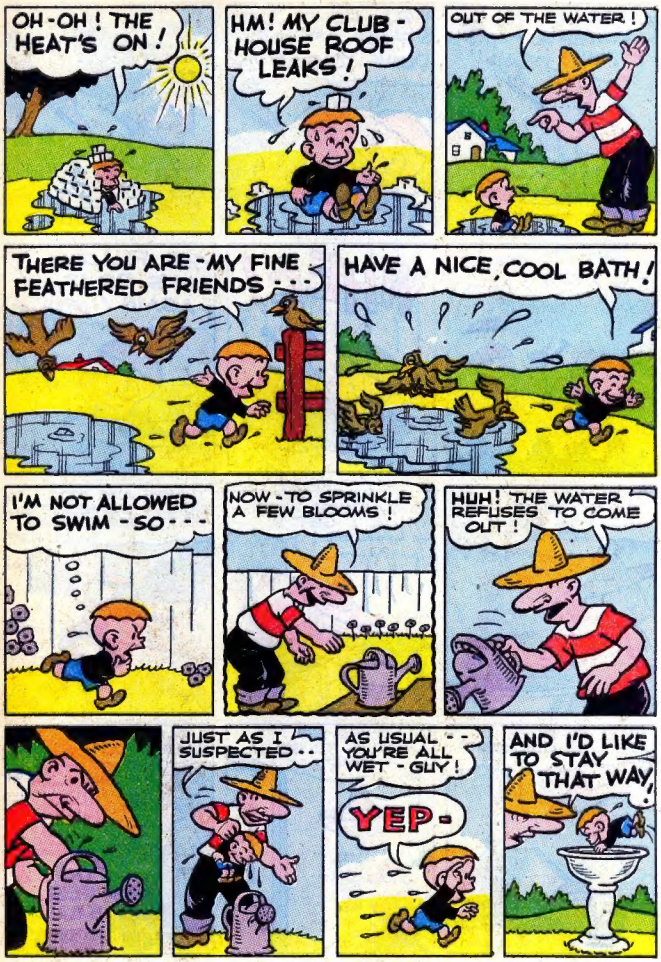

I'M GOING HOME!
OOPS! I FORGOT THAT MRS. GABBER WAS VISITING US!
HENRY USED TO BE AN IMP - IDA - BUT HE'S DIFFERENT THESE DAYS!
HELLO - MOM! HELLO - MRS. GABBER!
NOW - WHAT MADE THE LADIES RUN OUT OF THE ROOM LIKE THAT?
EEOW!
SAY - LINK! DO YOU NOTICE ANYTHING UNUSUAL ABOUT ME TODAY?
NO - HENRY! AS A MATTER OF FACT - I CAN'T SEE ANYTHING!
SO - I RUBBED VANISHING-CREAM ON MY BUMPS - AND CAME TO BED! G'NIGHT, FOLKS!
ZZZ
THE END!


LITTLE GUY
"GROWING IN PAINS"
EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE HIS OWN GARDEN !
I'LL HAVE ROWS AND ROWS OF FLOWERS !
POP'S RIGHT!
!
WONDER WHERE GUY'S GOING WITH THAT SILVERWARE ???
EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE HIS OWN GARDEN !


HA! HA! A FLOWER-POT FOR A GARDEN!
SOMETHING MAY GROW SOMEDAY - - PERHAPS - - HA!
PSST - - LITTLE GUY!
I BOUGHT THIS PLANT TO SURPRISE MY WIFE ON HER BIRTHDAY - - -
WILL YOU KEEP IT FOR ME - UNTIL TOMORROW?
GLADLY!
I'LL HIDE THIS GARDEN OF MINE BACK HERE!
WELL - LITTLE GUY - HOW ARE YOU DOING WITH YOUR FARM?
IF HE CAN DO IT - I CAN DO IT!

GARDENING IS HOT WORK! ME FOR A SWIM!
AH!
LAST ONE IN - - - HEY! THAT'S ME!
GUY! ARE YOU UNDER THAT HOSE AGAIN?
YEAH! AND WHAT A JOB IT IS - SWIMMING UPSTREAM!
I'LL CURE LITTLE MR. WISE GUY!
?
SPLAT!
NOW - I NEED A SHOWER!
!


WHEW! IT'S STEAMING! I WISH WE WERE IN ALASKA !!!
WELL - SINCE WE CAN'T GO TO ALASKA - - -
A FEW TRAYS OF ICE CUBES -
A LITTLE COOL CALCULATION.
-AND I'M AS WELL OFF AS - - -
AN ESKIMO !


OH-OH! THE HEAT'S ON!
HM! MY CLUB-HOUSE ROOF LEAKS!
OUT OF THE WATER!
THERE YOU ARE-MY FINE FEATHERED FRIENDS...
HAVE A NICE, COOL BATH!
I'M NOT ALLOWED TO SWIM-SO...
NOW-TO SPRINKLE A FEW BLOOMS!
HUH! THE WATER REFUSES TO COME OUT!
JUST AS I SUSPECTED..
AS USUAL--YOU'RE ALL WET-GUY!
YEP-
AND I'D LIKE TO STAY THAT WAY!

C'MON IN - THE WATER'S FINE!
WELL - DON'T JUST STAND AROUND - DUNK YOURSELVES.
I GET IT! BOMBS AWAY!
WHEE!
GEE, FELLOWS - LET'S DO IT AGAIN!
OUT! WHY DON'T YOU GO BUILD ANOTHER CLUB-HOUSE?
I'LL LEAVE THIS BIRDHOUSE HERE - WHILE I GET A LADDER!
THINGS ARE TOO QUIET! SOMEONE'S UP TO SOMETHING!
MY BIRDHOUSE! ARE YOU CUCKOO?
IF YOU'RE SO ANXIOUS TO BE A BIRD - - -
I CAN BE CAGEY, TOO!
DO I FEEL SMALL!
THE END!

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ghost of a grin. Then Big Jeff looked up darkly at Rinky as he bandaged his big toe and said, "Say, Rinky, this new illness...IT'S NOT CATCHING, IS IT?"

Rinky shook his head sadly and answered, "OHHH! THAT'S JUST THE TROUBLE, BIG JEFF! You don't even have to TOUCH a person who has IT! All you have to do is LOOK at them and BANG!...YOU'VE GOT THE NEW SICKNESS TOO!"

Big Jeff looked mighty worried and muttered, "HMMM..I don't feel too good today, anyway! Maybe I better get some sleep to build up my resistance!"

Without another word Big Jeff slid right under the chuck wagon and in a few minutes he was sound asleep...but there was still a worried look on his face.

THAT WAS ALL RINKY HAD BEEN WAITING FOR! He dashed into the woods and quickly gathered some RED BERRIES. After squeezing the JUICE from them Rinky dotted his face all over with the bright red berry juice!

Then he crept under the chuck wagon and very, very carefully applied the RED JUICE IN DOTS ALL OVER BIG JEFF'S FACE. Of course, Big Jeff was SOUND ASLEEP all the time!

Rinky climbed out from under the chuck wagon and said in a loud voice, "..ER..SAY, BIG JEFF, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THE LATEST SYMPTOM OF THE NEW ILLNESS!"

A sleepy voice came from under the chuck wagon as Big Jeff started to crawl out. "Yep, I sure would, Rinky! What's the new symptom?" Big Jeff asked.

Rinky looked away from Big Jeff and said very casually, "Well, right before a person come down with this new sickness he gets RED SPOTS ALL OVER HIS FACE!"

Then with a quick move, Rinky turned so that Big Jeff was staring right at Rinky's spotted face!

"YOWWW!" yelped Big Jeff as he pointed a trembling finger at Rinky's face! "THE RED DOTS! YOU'VE GOT IT, RINKY!...AND I'M LOOKING RIGHT AT YOU!"

In the next instant there was just a big cloud of dust where the husky cook had been standing. BIG JEFF WAS ON HIS WAY TO SEE DOC PARSONS!

It was several minutes before Rinky could stop laughing!

Rinky turned as he noticed his father walking toward him with a frown on his face. For a minute Rinky thought that maybe his father wouldn't approve of his practical joke. He remembered how his father had lectured him about practical jokes backfiring at times and very often being dangerous!

Rinky told his father about the joke he had played on Big Jeff. Well, Rinky's father stifled a grin and said, "Now, Rinky, I don't think that was very nice! Come on over to the well and wash that RED BERRY JUICE off your face!"

Over at the well Rinky scrubbed his face and then smiled as he looked up at his father who was frowning as he stared at Rinky. "Is it all off, Daddy?" Rinky said.

Rinky's father peered closely at Rinky's face and then smiled slightly as he shook his head. "Rinky, I don't know whether the trick you played on Big Jeff had anything to do with it, but I've got some bad news for you! YOU CAN'T GO ON THE ROUNDUP!" said Rinky's father sadly!

Rinky was stunned. His father led him to a mirror and when Rinky looked at his face he gasped! FOR NOW HE REALLY HAD RED SPOTS ON HIS FACE.

Rinky is mighty careful about practical jokes these days..for Rinky firmly believes it was because of the joke he played on Big Jeff THAT HE GOT THE MEASLES AND COULDN'T MAKE THE ROUNDUP TRIP THAT YEAR!

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